(c) and (d) Yes sir. This Ministry has assessed the work of NGOs and has not found any case of misutilising the Government's funds in Himachal Pradesh.

Under-utilisation of funds by States

2393. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are unable to utilize the funds meant for the targeted groups; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Some States are not able to utilize funds meant for the targeted groups timely. Non-availability of matching share from the State Governments, non-submission of adequate proposals by the State Governments, and the delay in utilization of funds released earlier are among the main reasons.

Misuse of official aircrafts in SAIL

2394. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top executives of SAIL are misusing official aircrafts;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the precautions taken for non-occurrence of such activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) SAIL has stated that there has been no instance of misuse of its aircrafts by top executives.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fire in VSP

2395. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the last week of June, 2001, fire broke out in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant causing heavy loss of crores of rupees;